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Kristen Phillips Photography is now on display in the Gritty's Art and Ale window in Auburn. Her work will be up through June. Kristen Phillips is a food and portrait photographer based in Lewiston. With deep roots in Maine and a curiosity that's taken her around the world, Kristen reflects every mile she's traveled on to beloved New England subjects. Kristen was classically trained at the Hallmark

Institute of Photography, learning to apply technical skill to her already centered visions. Pulling inspiration from nature and her daughter, Sage, her photos are magnetic and joyful; a celebration

of life and food.

Artist Statement:

As long as I can remember, I've had two great loves- food and photography. About 5 years ago, I added a third to that list- my sweet daughter, Sage. Food brings people together. It's heritage, it's history, it's love, it's care and it's art. That's where I bring these two loves together, with photography. Over the years, I traveled throughout Europe, Peru, and lived in Wellington, New Zealand. I was always fascinated with how each culture centers around food, how they use it to keep their legacies alive, nurture their families and express their love for one another. Each photo I make is carefully styled, lit and composed to put the viewer right in the moment. Scenes set so you feel like you're right there. I love all aspects of creating these still lifes- designing the set, styling the food, and lighting it perfectly. When I'm not in my studio or on location, I'm providing bodywork as a massage therapist, or exploring the gorgeous Maine outdoors with my daughter. I've happily rooted myself in the growing community of Lewiston, as the owner of Wicked Good Massage Therapy.

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